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PLACE: KIRUNA ~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~ COUNTRY: SWEDEN

Population: 18,740 in 1951

Province: Lapland

510 meters above sea level.

Date of Observation: 14 Apr. '51
(Previous visit in 1949)

General Description:

Iron mining railroad administrative, educational and trading center of north Lapland increasingly important Summer and Winter tourist center. Local military hdq. with area of 14,136 sq. kms., claims to be largest city in the world.

Geographic Description:

Trough running east west forming Torne Valley with pass to Norwegian coast at Narvik. Rolling birch forests, upland tundra.

Occupations:

Agricultural

Milk and vegetables, gardening, some Reindeer in Hinterland.

Fishing

Minor fishing in lakes for food and sport

Industrial

Iron mining and locally important minor industries.

Natural Vegetation:

Mainly birch woods with some pine forests and scattered spruce with tundra on mountain slopes.

Land Forms and Geology:

Rounded terrain with much exposed bed rock of precambrian age. East-west trough of Torne Valley.

Mining:

Iron ore based on open pit mining of magnetite at Luossavaara and Kirunavaara, probably richest iron ore occurrence in Europe. Shipped to Narvik for export and to Lulea for export and smelting.

Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Originally mountain Lapps, now largely typical mining town population, plus administrators and hotel keepers.

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Climate and Weather Sunny with snow cover.

Temperatures: + 3°C

Precipitation: None to slight snowfall

Clouds: Six-tenths

Other: Tourists skiing active at this season.

Electric Power: Local Hydro electric

Source: Local Hydro electric

Voltage: 230

Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Very complete with lines to mines at Gallevaara.

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio TV

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Kiruna To: west (Narvik) east (Lulea) south (Stockholm))

Railway:

Station: Yes at town

Ballast: Rock

Power : Electric overhead wire.

Gauge : Standard

Bridges: All well constructed.

Note - Electric railway between Narvik on Nor. coast and Lulea on Swedish coast.

Highways:

Route No's : #396 to Svappavaara, plus local roads.

Surface Type: Good gravel all weather

Width : Two-cars

Seasonal Use: Plowed for Winter use.

Underpass : Usually 3.75 meters.

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Ferries: None

Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers: None but note small tourist steamers on lake Tornetrask to west in Summer.

Routing:

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules:

Bus Routes: Excellent bus service to Karesuando 185 kms. Pajala 185 kms.,
Holmajarvi 30 kms.

Summer:

Winter:

Other Transportation:

Roads link town with Gallevare, 130 kms. Haparanda 355 kms., Lulea 390 kms.,
Stockholm 1425 kms.

MAPS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Good town plans obtained on 1949 visit.			

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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Most tourist guides to Sweden make some reference to Kiruna area.

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: Apr. 14, '51 Arrived: 1320
Kiruna
 Starting Point: Vittangi Departed: 1425 14 Apr. '51
 Distance traveled (in kms): 135 kms from Karesuando
 Vehicles Used: Bus Previous visit made 1949 Aug.

 Where stayed: _____ Comments: _____

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Swedish Railroad Travel Bureau	at Railway Station	is excellent source of information		

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Photographs:

Purchased locally: None but see 1949 collection

Taken: Few near the station, but see 1949 collection

Sketches Made:

None see 1949 report

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SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
Iron mining and shipping		Iron ore	Hydroelectric
Railway operating			
Misc. local			

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

None Inland town

Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

Name:

Location

Depth

Lighters:

Cranes:

Location

Tonnage

Comments

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops:

Foundries:

Dry docks:

Salvage gear:

Supplies Available

Water _____

Provisions _____

Engineering _____

Deck _____

Coal _____

Oil-Fuel _____

Diesel Fuel _____

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